

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Applicants thank the Examiner for the withdrawal of those rejections of record in previous Official Actions not repeated in this action.

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-18, 20, and 21 are pending in the Application, with claims 5, 19 and 22-31 having been cancelled. The Amendment accompanying this response is believed to introduce no new matter and its entry is respectfully requested. Support for the amendment to claim 12 is found in claim 12 as originally filed, in paragraph [0176] of the specification (as numbered in the published application), and otherwise throughout the specification. Based on the Amendment and the following remarks, applicants submit that all rejections have been overcome and that the Application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn and the pending claims allowed.

The Examiner has rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claim 5 has been cancelled. That rejection is moot.

The Examiner has rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12, as amended herein, is sufficiently definite and distinct to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Entry of the amendment and allowance of claim 12 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and as such, the present Application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe that no further government fees are due for amendments made to this Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary additional fees associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-4553, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll. A duplicate copy of this Amendment and Reply is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane A. Stewart III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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